

Olivier, Tom

From: Rapp, Steve
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 4:47 PM
To: Sansevero, Christine; Mohamoud, Abdi; Olivier, Tom
Subject: FW: Air pollution complaint from Rhode Island

FYI

From: Simcox, Alison
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2015 12:33 PM
To: Rapp, Steve <Rapp.Steve@epa.gov>
Cc: Brown, Alan <Brown.Alanj@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Air pollution complaint from Rhode Island

(Sorry for my slow response to this email – I just returned from vacation and had no access to work emails.)

Steve, if appropriate, could you follow up on this? I would have suggested that Ms Simbron contact RI DEM, but, as you can see, she has already done that.

Thanks.
Alison

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From: Ann Simbron [<mailto:annsimbron@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, October 09, 2015 1:33 PM
To: Simcox, Alison <simcox.alison@epa.gov>
Subject: Air pollution

My name is Ann Simbron. I have just spoken with Alan at EPA-New England Regional Customer Call Center. He referred me to you.

I am a Special Education Bus Aide for Johnston School Department. I work on a school bus. The bus yard is located on Green Earth Drive in Johnston, RI. When the bus company was first located to that area, A. Duie Pyle trucking company and FedEx were the only companies on the same street.

Approximately 4 years later, Syms Recycling moved in between Ballard Truck Center and the bus parking lot. This company shreds cars and other metals. There are particulates floating in the air, which myself and my co-workers are breathing in. These particulates are also all over and inside our cars and the buses. My concern is breathing problems, which have already happened to myself and other co-workers. I am also concerned about the children riding on these buses. Dust particles are inside the bus also. Children put their hands in their mouths after touching everything. The dust flies and they are also breathing it in.

I have sent emails to RI DEM. First I spoke to Douglas McVay, Chief RIDEM Office of Air Resources and Christopher John, Supervising Air Quality Specialist. The last email from Doug at DEM, told me a letter of

noncompliance was sent to Syms on 11/18/14. Later I find out the letter was sent to the wrong address. Syms never received the letter.

I have received a phone call from the Service manager of Ballard Truck Center. He told me that, himself and other employees have also had breathing issues. He has also contacted a woman at EPA and spoke to her about the problem. DEM is telling him, he is the only one complaining. I have been complaining to DEM via email for over a year now.

Please help me to resolve this situation. I would like if my name was not mentioned to anyone in the Town of Johnston. I don't want to put my job at risk.

Thanking you for listening to my situation.

Sincerely,
Ann Simbron
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